

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	ROBERTS, et al.	)	ATTORNEY DOCKET:	40304772
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SERIAL NO.:	10/615,797	)	GROUP ART UNIT:	1616
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FILED:	July 10, 2003	)	EXAMINER:	ALTON NATHANIEL
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TITLE:	METAL COMPOUNDS, MIXED OR SULPHATED, AS PHOSPHATE BINDERS			
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DATE:	November 13, 2007	)	CUSTOMER NO.:	26565

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JULY 11, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2007. Further examination of the application is respectfully requested after entry of the amendments proposed herein. Applicants respectfully request entry of the proposed amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented below. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the following Amendment and Response will place pending Claims 16-28 and 43-47 in condition for allowance.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. In connection with this petition, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0019 in the amount of \$120.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). If any additional fee is deemed payable, please charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicants respectfully request entry of the proposed amendments and allowance of the pending claims.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks and Response** begin on page 4.